

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, [Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 10:00 AM](#)

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes

Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors.

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (21-285)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [September 10, 2021](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 21	280	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 3, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	281	To approve the August 2021 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 21	282	To approve the republication of the Crawford County 2022 Budget and the Crawford County Fire Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 2022 Budgets with a public Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing date set for September 24, 2021, at 10:00 AM
Motion 21	283	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:10 AM

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Motion 21	284	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:26 AM
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### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. The Commissioners were presented with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 9/11/2021. Dr. Tim Stebbins addressed the Commissioners and discussed the Community Gating Criteria. He also reviewed the School Gating Criteria K-12 with the commissioners. He presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Benchmark Data for Recommendation to Move to Mask-Optional in Crawford County Schools from the Health Officers to all Unified School Districts in Crawford County. He addressed the Benchmark Data and stated that it involves 4 different criteria and is based on the gating criteria established by the Kansas Department of Education and a link is listed in the document and also posted on the website. He explained the 4 criteria in the document and he stated that this will be monitored daily. Dr. Stebbins stated that the Health Officers will be attending the local school board meetings to explain the Benchmark Data.

Health Department Director Ms. Teddi Van Kam addressed the Commissioners and stated that there are 117 children that are 12 years old and 737 children that are 13 to 18 years old that are completely vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine in Crawford County at this time. She also stated that in those age groups, the number of children that have received their first vaccination has increased. Ms. Van Kam stated that she is sharing all this data with the local pediatricians. Dr. Stebbins explained why the data for vaccinated individuals listed on the Crawford County Gating Criteria is different than the data listed for Crawford County on the KDHE website. He stated that on the Crawford County data they are including all people that have received vaccinations in the county regardless of where they live and that the KDHE data only uses vaccination data for county residents. It was discussed that in the early months of vaccinations there were many individuals that did not live in the county that came here to receive their vaccinations. There was a discussion on the booster vaccine and Ms. Van Kam stated that she will get the number of individuals that have received the booster vaccine. Ms. Van Kam stated that she has hired a contract nurse and a clerk for the Health Department. She discussed hiring contact tracers for the schools. There was a short discussion on the other programs that are administered through the Health Department.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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## MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

## MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

## NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the Commissioners with a Kansas Water Plan Public Hearing Notice from the Kansas Water Office. He stated that there are 2 virtual public hearings for public comment at 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 7, 2021 and at 10 AM on Friday, October 8, 2021 on the draft of the Kansas Water Plan. He also stated that he emailed the Commissioners, Elected Officials and Department Heads the link about the KDOT Local Consult meetings and explained that the meeting for Southeast Kansas that was held last week still has a couple of days for anyone to go online and view the materials from the meeting and leave feedback. Sheriff Danny Smith addressed the Commissioners and stated that he participated in the virtual KDOT Local Consult meeting last week and he reported on the meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed re-districting for the county commission districts and stated that GIS Director Kyle Nelson is waiting to receive some data from the census this week and he will follow up with Mr. Nelson in the upcoming weeks.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: September 24, 2021 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Crawford County 2022 Budget and the Crawford County Fire Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 2022 Budgets and hearings on the Revenue Neutral Rates.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: September 24, 2021 – 1:00 PM** Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Crawford County Courthouse.

## UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [September 14, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:53 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.**

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**Don Pyle**

County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken by [BKW 9/14/2021 10:53 AM/amended BKW 9/15/2021 12:32 PM](#)